Date: 3/10/11

To: President Obama

From: Melissa Cummings

Re: US Policy in the Middle East

The 4 strategies to keep the peace in the Middle East, the US has pursued are: Iran not attacking Israel, keep oil flowing between the US and the Middle East, controlling Iran (leader is unstable, **and** has nuclear weapons), and stop terrorism. In return, the US has agreed to not interfere with Iran. I believe this policy is a good policy to keep with the revolution because it keeps allies and we’re keeping what we want, oil, and most of the time when the US involves themselves with foreign affairs, they spend too much money and seem like bullies. For contribution, my policy for handling the Middle East is to stay neutral with their (Iran) affairs: not telling them they must improve their laws or stop the violence, however as an ally, *suggest* decreasing the violence and improving their relationship between the people and government. My policy also includes staying on their good side so that we can keep our oil supplier, or else the gas prices will be increased even higher. The United States do not have to be completely involved with Iran affairs, but as a leader we know we do have a responsibility to maintain peace, and this policy is a possible solution.

Rubric

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (2) Spellchecked/ 10 lines/ on time/ he needs your advice today- Thursday

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (2) Explains 4 strategies of the US in the Middle East

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (2) Describes what the US agrees to in return

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (2) Evaluates whether this is a good or bad policy with 2 reasons fully explained

\_\_\_\_\_\_ (2) Creates your own policy in the Middle East

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